

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A sanitary napkin having a pair of end edges, a first longitudinal edge and a second longitudinal edge located between the end edges, a backsheet layer, a substantially liquid permeable topsheet layer and an absorbent disposed between the topsheet layer and the backsheet layer; the sanitary napkin further including a selectively releasable, interengaging fastening system comprising:

a first wing extending from the first longitudinal edge of the sanitary napkin and a second wing extending from the second longitudinal edge of the sanitary napkin, each wing having a fixed end, a free end, a first surface and a second surface;

a first fastener component forming at least a portion of one of the surfaces of the first wing and at least a portion of one of the surfaces of the second wing generally adjacent the free end of each wing, each first fastener component having a plurality engagement members; and

a cooperating fastener component forming at least a portion of the other surface of the first wing and at least a portion of the other surface of the second wing adjacent the free end of each wing such that the one surface of the first wing and the one surface of the second wing being either the first surface or the second surface and the first and second wings of the sanitary napkin are capable of both being joined by movement of the respective components together generally along an attachment direction into an overlapping and interengaging configuration;

wherein the first fastener component is configured on the first wing and on the second wing so that when overlapped and interengaged, the wings are adapted to secure the sanitary napkin to a fabric undergarment, one of the first fasteners is unengaged with the ~~cooperation~~ cooperating fastener and the unengaged first fastener component is positioned adjacent the backsheet layer so it is adapted to engage the fabric of an undergarment when the fabric is positioned between the backsheet layer and the wings.

2. (Currently amended) The sanitary napkin of claim 1, wherein each first fastener component on the first wing and on the second wing has a plurality of substantially non-isotropic engagement members ~~such that when engaged, the engagement members so engaged~~ which form an engagement section, the engagement section has an axis of substantially maximal engagement and the first fastener component is oriented so its axis of substantially maximal engagement is generally orthogonal to the attachment direction.

3. (Previously presented) The sanitary napkin of claim 2, wherein each substantially non-isotropic engagement member has a stem portion with a distal end region and a securement element disposed at the distal end region of its stem portion.

4. (Previously presented) The sanitary napkin of claim 1, wherein each cooperating fastener component is a nonwoven loop material.

5. (Original) The sanitary napkin of claim 4, wherein the nonwoven loop material is a pattern unbonded material.

6. (Previously presented) The sanitary napkin of claim 1, wherein the fastening system is adapted to secure the sanitary napkin in a configuration convenient for disposal.

7. (Original) The sanitary napkin of claim 1, further comprising garment attachment adhesive on the backsheet layer.

8. (Original) The sanitary napkin of claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second wings is substantially liquid permeable.

9. (Original) The sanitary napkin of claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second wings is substantially liquid impermeable.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

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15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) A sanitary napkin having a pair of end edges, a first longitudinal edge and a second longitudinal edge located between the end edges, a backsheet layer, a substantially liquid permeable topsheet layer and an absorbent disposed between the topsheet layer and the backsheet layer; the sanitary napkin further including a multiple attachment system comprising:

a first wing extending from the first longitudinal edge of the sanitary napkin and a second wing extending from the second longitudinal edge of the sanitary napkin, each wing having a fixed end, a free end, a top surface and a bottom surface;

a first fastener component forming at least a portion of a bottom surface of the first wing and at least a portion of a bottom surface of the second wing adjacent the free end of each wing, each first fastener component including an engagement section having a plurality of engagement members; and

a cooperating fastener component forming at least a portion of a top surface of the first wing and at least a portion of a top surface of the second wing adjacent the free end of each wing such that the first and second wings can be interengaged by bringing a top and bottom surface of respective wings into an overlapping configuration such that one of the first fasteners is interengaged with the cooperating fastener and the other first fastener is unengaged;

wherein the wings, when interengaged, are adapted to secure the sanitary napkin to an undergarment, and the unengaged first fastener component is in a position adjacent the backsheet layer so it is adapted to engage the undergarment positioned between the backsheet layer and the wings.

18. (Original) The sanitary napkin of claim 17, wherein the wings of the sanitary napkin can be moved together into their overlapping configuration generally along an attachment direction.

19. (Currently amended) The sanitary napkin of claim 17, wherein the first fastener component has a plurality of substantially non-isotropic engagement members ~~such that when engaged, the engagement members so engaged~~ which form an engagement section, the engagement section has an axis of substantially maximal engagement.

20. (Previously presented) The sanitary napkin of claim 19, wherein the first fastener component is oriented so its axis of substantially maximal engagement is generally orthogonal to an attachment direction.

21. (Original) The sanitary napkin of claim 19, wherein each substantially non-isotropic engagement member has a stem portion with a distal end region and a securement element disposed at the distal end region of its corresponding stem portion.

22. (Previously presented) The sanitary napkin of claim 17, wherein the cooperating fastener component is a nonwoven loop material.

23. (Original) The sanitary napkin of claim 22, wherein the nonwoven loop material is a pattern unbonded material.

24. (Previously presented) The sanitary napkin of claim 17, wherein the attachment system is adapted to secure the sanitary napkin in a configuration convenient for disposal.

25. (Original) The sanitary napkin of claim 17, further comprising garment attachment adhesive on the backsheet layer.

26. (Original) The sanitary napkin of claim 17, wherein at least one wing includes perforation lines adjacent its fixed end to provide quick removal of the napkin by tearing the wing along the perforation lines.

27. (Currently amended) A sanitary napkin having a pair of end edges, a first longitudinal edge and a second longitudinal edge located between the end edges, and a backsheet layer;

the sanitary napkin further including a pair of wings, each wing extending a longitudinal edge of the sanitary napkin and each wing having a fixed end, a free end, ~~[[a]]~~ an upper surface and a lower surface; each wing comprising:

a first fastener component on the lower surface of each wing and adjacent at least the free end of each wing, each first fastener component including an engagement section having a plurality engagement members; and

a cooperating fastener component on the upper surface of each wing and adjacent at least the free end of each wing such that the wings of the sanitary napkin are capable of being joined by bringing the upper and lower surfaces of respective wings into an overlapping and interengaging configuration such that one of the first fasteners is interengaged with the cooperating fastener and the other first fastener is unengaged;

wherein the wings, when interengaged, are adapted to secure the sanitary napkin to an undergarment and the unengaged first fastener component is in a position adjacent the backsheet layer so it is adapted to engage the undergarment positioned between the backsheet layer and the wings.

28. (Currently amended) A sanitary napkin including an attachment system comprising:

a pair of wings, each wing having a fixed end, a free end, ~~[[a]]~~ an upper surface and a lower surface, including a first fastener component on the upper surface or lower surface of each wing, and a cooperating fastener component on the upper surface or lower surface of each wing, provided that each cooperating fastener component is on a different surface from each first fastener, wherein each first fastener component and each cooperating fastener component are adjacent at least the free end of each wing such that the wings are adapted to hold the sanitary napkin to an undergarment; and

wherein one of the first fastener components includes a plurality of engagement members so it is adapted to engage the undergarment positioned between the sanitary napkin and the wings.